

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

WESLIE MARTIN,

Case No. 3:22-cv-00101-LRH-CLB

Petitioner,

v.

ORDER

WILLIAM REUBART, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Petitioner Weslie Martin, a *pro se* Nevada prisoner, has not properly commenced this habeas action by either paying the standard \$5.00 filing fee or filing an application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”). He submitted a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (ECF No. 1-1) under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, but he did not pay the \$5 filing fee or submit an IFP application. In his cover letter (ECF No. 1-2), Petitioner gives the Court “permission to take the full filing fee required for this matter off [his] inmate banking account.” The Court, however, does not have access to inmate banking accounts. Petitioner must make arrangements to pay the filing fee.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) and the Judicial Conference Schedule of Fees, a \$5.00 filing fee is required to initiate a habeas action in a federal district court. The court may authorize an indigent prisoner to begin a habeas action without paying the \$5 fee if he or she submits an IFP application on the approved form and includes three specific documents: (a) the prisoner’s financial declaration and acknowledgement showing an inability to prepay fees and costs, (b) a financial certificate signed by the prisoner and an authorized prison official, and (c) a copy of the prisoner’s account statement for the six-month period prior to filing. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a); LSR 1-1, LSR 1-2.

Petitioner will have 45 days from the date of this order to either pay the \$5 filing fee or submit a complete IFP application with all required documentation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The initial screening of Petitioner’s Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (ECF No. 1-1)

1 under the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases is deferred to until such time as he has
2 fully complied with this order.

3 2. The Clerk of Court is instructed to send Petitioner a blank form IFP application for
4 incarcerated litigants along with *two* copies of this order.

5 3. **Within 45 days of the date of this order**, Petitioner must file an IFP application that
6 includes a: (a) financial certificate signed by Petitioner and an authorized prison
7 official, (b) financial declaration and acknowledgement signed by Petitioner, and
8 (c) copy of Petitioner's inmate account statement for the six-month period prior to
9 filing. Alternatively, Petitioner must pay the \$5 filing fee within 45 days. If Petitioner
10 decides to pay the filing fee from his inmate account, he must arrange to have a copy
11 of this order attached to the check for the filing fee.

12 4. Petitioner's failure to comply with this order within 45 days by (a) submitting a
13 complete IFP application, or (b) paying the filing fee will result in the dismissal of this
14 action without prejudice and without further advance notice.

15 DATED this 25th day of March 2022.

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18 LARRY R. HICKS
19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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